



MUNITIONS SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN

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HOME UNIT/BASE:

31st Maintenance Squadron
Aviano Air Base, Italy

CURRENT UNIT/BASE:

451st Air Expeditionary Group
Kandahar, Afghanistan

HOMETOWN:

Pottsville, Pa.

ENTERED AIR FORCE:

Aug. 6, 1997

OTHER DEPLOYMENTS:

Southwest Asia, 1998, 2003 and 2005

MARITAL STATUS:

Married

“Working in ammo provides me a unique opportunity because there are a variety of jobs in my career field. Knowing I have the chance to take on new challenges gives me something to look forward to as my career progresses. When deployed, it's great to see our hard work pay off. Building bombs that provide cover for our ground forces and terminate the enemy is very rewarding. I've also had the opportunity to meet and work with great people I otherwise would have never met — like my lovely wife, (who I met) while on temporary duty at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.”